

Application. No.: 09/914,088
Docket No. B45172

REMARKS

Applicants have corrected the "Amendments to the Claims" section by inserting the reference to cancelled claims 1-41. Applicants have cancelled claim 43, added new claims 84-86, and amended the pending claims 42, 51, 52, and 58-67 in the hope of bringing the claims into conformance with current practices in this art. The amendments are fully supported by the specification. No new matter is added.

The Applicants reserve the right to prosecute, in one or more patent applications, the claims to non-elected inventions, the claims as originally filed, and any other claims supported by the specification. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the Office Action and believe this response to be a full and complete response to such Office Action. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the pending and new claims is earnestly solicited. If it would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to confer with the Applicants' undersigned agent.

Respectfully submitted,



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